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Dear All,

Subject:

Thanks to all those who helped to create a precise and detailed minutes, I am happy to present to you the final product below.

For the next BT/CT Meeting scheduled for August 3, 2010, please email me with your agenda items before this Friday July 30, 2010.

Thank you all for your partnership!

Best regards,

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- Purpose is to monitor contamination of bioterrorism agents in the lab (1) to ensure safety of visitors, and (2) to provide forensic proof of no cross contamination.

 No registrally writted procedure in the Contracted four LPN laboration with procedures for information. Profited SOI
- No previously existed procedure in lab. Contacted few LRN labs with procedures for information. Drafted SOP Approved in February 2009.
- This month was the first time the surveillance was performed: Collected 18 swab samples from various locations in the lab: such as doorknobs, biosafety cabinets, counter tops... Swab areas mapped. There was no extra cleaning before the test to see if cleaning procedures in place were acceptable.
- No bioterrorism species found; but 5 had growth including incubator, refrigerator, countertop, ELISA plate shaker, and Victor 3 Platform.
- Surprised with Victor 3 Platform which has to be cleaned with 95% ethanol before each use.
- Tested for Ricin toxin and SEB. SEB was tested even though we don't test for SEB very often in order

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- to obtain a SEB baseline
- Answered question about frequency of the practice: Depend upon workload, varied from quarterly, every 6
 months, to once a year. Will adopt 6 month schedule.
- Answered question about if considering adding molecular component: The BT lab is not considered a sterile
 or "clean lab" and the lab is not cleaned with DNA-away to remove DNA.
- Answered question about swab method: The SOP stated to swab an 8 x 8 area, but that would be difficult
 with doorknobs and other small areas. Instead a 4 x 4 area was swabbed
- Answered question regarding future practice based upon the test results: (1) Will clean more in certain areas, such as plate shaker and Victor 3 Platform; (2) Will test different areas in December; (3) Will sit down to discuss further improvement plan(s).

Conclusions: Good project. Happy with the results. Will further compile results.

Ac	tion items	Person responsible	Target Date
√	Second test in December for different areas	Cheryl Gauthier	12/2010
√	Further compile results and discuss improvement plan	Cheryl Gauthier	open
√	More cleaning	BT Staff	open
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Agenda item:	CDC Cyanide Surge Capacity Exercise	Presenter:	Julie Nassif
Discussion:			

- Call received Monday morning at 8 from CDC. Informed a case of food poisoning at a military base in Atlanta. Symptoms of shortness of breath, dizziness, & headache. Undisclosed number of death. Asked to start blood test for cyanide the next day.
- 300 samples received Tuesday at 10 am.
- Test performance was time based: From the moment of sample receiving to when reported last batch data.
- Operating on 24/7 mode: 12 hour shift with 7 staff plus Julie.
- Staffing issue: Not everyone can do all functions. Additional cross training recommended.
- Reported last batch Saturday night at 8:30.
- Slower method with problem of syringe clogging due to dirtier samples.
- Helpful CDC implementation of daily conference call for all labs to discuss progress and problems.
- As of yesterday, all 10 labs completed exercise except California and Michigan.
- California had Friday closing issue and instrument problems.
- Michigan had power and instrument failure issues. Reported only 1 batch of 30 samples so far. Under 24/7.
- In a real event, CDC may divert Michigan's samples.
- Heard another round of 6 clinical cyanide exercise within 30 days for cross network agencies.
- Answered question about no problems in real time reporting this time. Glad to use this opportunity to test out interface from different instrument with LIMS.

Conclusions: Identified some areas for improvement.

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V	Work out a more efficient plan to fully utilize staffs on a 24/7 mode	Julie Nassif	open	
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Agenda item:	FERN National Meeting	Presenter:	Tracy Stiles; Paul Servizio
Discussion:			

- About 400 people from different states attended from novice to veteran.
- Topic covered from basic 101s to advanced procedures and methods.
- Format ranged from regional breakouts to topic specific groups
- First time for Tracy: Basic information gathering.
- From a chemist's aspect, Paul was more into method development: comparing the differences in our LRN methods with the FERN methods as for mono-fluoroacetate in our metabolic toxin screen vs fluoroacetatenide substance in the FERN Method. Looked into differences in methods, such as using GC/MS vs LC/MS, as well as different derivatization agents used to improve the FERN original GC-MS methods. A recent tampering of researchers' coffee with sodium azide prompted an investigation of azide in this matrix. using the SPME GC-MS FERN method.
- Focus was to push for more rigorous PT, such as to replace the current voluntary PT program.
- Talked about on-going testing for melamine and its history.
- Working towards better cohesion among networks to allow method transfer across networks
- Talked about method for oil in the gulf.
- APHL working group for new method is meeting every 2 weeks by conference call to improve method for detecting oil contamination in food. Current 1980's method analyzes 20 samples per week per lab.

Conclusions: Huge meeting with many topics to choose from. Good opportunity to learn a lot & who is involved.

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Discussion:				
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